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BACKUS LINEAGE

(1) BACKUS, (first name unknown). Married CATHERINE, who was born in Holland, and she died at the age of 96.
Children:

(2) SALOMA BACKUS. Married _____ DARLING.
Children:

(3) KATIE DARLING.
(4) CHARLIE DARLING (last known at Stanford, Montana)[1]
(5) CHESTER DARLING.

(6) JANE BACKUS. Married _____ TRIPP.
Child:

(7) ALICE TRIPP. Married WILLIAM CRUMP. Lived at Gloversville, New York, and ran a glove factory.
Children:

(8) RONALD CRUMP.
(9) FREDDIE CRUMP.

(10) JOHN BACKUS. Wife's name not known.
Child:

(11) FREMONT BACKUS.

*(12) ABRAM BACKUS. Married NANCY VANCISE. He was born at Syracuse, New York. Died at age 88 in Kansas.

*(12) ABRAM BACKUS, born at Syracuse, New York; died at age 88 in Kansas. Married NANCY VANCISE, who died at age 36. Nancy's brothers and sisters were: (13) ISAAC VANCISE, (14) PAUL VANCISE, (15) WILLIAM VANCISE [Children: (16) JANE VANCISE, (17) EVA VANCISE], (18) MARTHA VANCISE who married STARKS [Children: (19) FRANCIS STARKS, (20) LETTIE STARKS, (21) EDWIN STARKS.

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*An asterisk denotes our direct descendency relationships.

[1] Marie Sommerville, Vaughn, Montana, knew Charlie Darling. Marie wrote that Charles Darling traded his homestead relinquishment to Jesse Backus for a well drill.

*(12) ABRAM BACKUS (Continued):
Children:

(22) MATILDA BACKUS. Born about 1848.
(23) MARTHA JANE BACKUS. Married GEORGE HEATH (Had 14 or 15 children).
(24) BYRON BACKUS. Died about 8 years old by drowning.
*(25) JESSE ARTHUR BACKUS, born November 6, 1863, at Lawrence, Kansas; died August 1945. Married SARAH ELIZABETH NELSON, April 2, 1892.

ABRAM BACKUS Married (2nd) ELSA WILLIAMS.
Child:

(26) ALVA LeROY BACKUS.

*(25) JESSE ARTHUR BACKUS, born November 6, 1863, at Lawrence, Kansas (Clay County); died August 1945 at Seattle, Washington, and was buried at Walla Walla, Washington. Married SARAH ELIZABETH NELSON[2] born August 29, 1872, Clay County (Oak Hill), Kansas; died February 28, 1940 at Walla Walla, Washington. They were married April 2, 1892, at Abilene, Kansas.
Children:

(26) RUTH LOUVINA BACKUS (spelling as in Jesse Arthur Backus' Bible, written in his hand, in the compiler's possession). She was born May 12, 1893, at Stanford, Montana; died September 25, 1920, at Idaho Falls, Idaho. Married CHARLES HEESEN, born June 24; died February, 1922. Married August 29, 1912.
Children:

(27) ROBERT HEESEN, born February 28, 1919, at Ririe, Idaho.
Child:

(28) VERNON HEESEN.

(29) ROY CHARLES HEESEN, born July 18, 1920, at Walla Walla, Washington. Married HALLIE.
Children:

(30) SANDRA HEESEN.
(31) MARK HEESEN } Twins.
(32) DAVID HEESEN

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[2]Nelson genealogy in later pages.

(33) ARTHUR EUGENE BACKUS, born November 23, 1896, Clay County, Kansas. Married GRACE WOODSON, born October 6, 1900 at Belleville, Arkansas. Married June 28, 1947 at Oakland, California.

(34) LESTER ELMER BACKUS, born July 15, 1898, Stanford, Montana. Married SARA ELLEN COLLINS, born September 26, 1903, at Volant, Pennsylvania. Married June 27, 1926, Underwood, Washington.
Children:

(35) MARGUERITE ELLEN BACKUS, born April 5, 1927, at Hood River, Oregon. Married MELVIN JOSEPH PRYNE, born March 20, 1920. Married March 28, 1946, at Poulsbo, Washington.
Children:

(36) MELVIN JOSEPH PRYNE, born January 1, 1947, at St. Maries, Idaho.
(37) BILLY LESTER PRYNE, born May 21, 1949, at Costa Mesa, California.
(38) MICHAEL ALLEN PRYNE, born July 8, 1951, at Auburn, Washington.
(39) PATRICK WAYNE PRYNE, born May 13, 1954, at Costa Mesa, California.

(40) KEITH ALLEN BACKUS, born March 11, 1931, at White Salmon, Washington. Married L. JANETTE SWEENEY, born February 10, 1938, at Nampa, Idaho. Married July 26, 1957, at Renton, Washington.
Children:

(41) PAULINE PHYLLIS BACKUS, born June 6, 1960, at Seattle, Washington.
(42) BRIAN GAIL BACKUS, born May 7, 1962, Seattle, Washington.

(43) STANLEY LESTER BACKUS, born July 22, 1935, at White Salmon, Washington. Married BERTHA MAE ALVARD, Born January 16, 1942. Married October 17, 1958, at Kent, Washington.

(44) DEBORA JEAN BACKUS, born August 23, 1959, at Renton, Washington.

(45) GARY LESTER BACKUS, born October 31, 1960, at Renton, Washington.

(34) LESTER ELMER BACKUS and SARA ELLEN COLLINS BACKUS (Continued):

(46) JACK WAYNE BACKUS, born July 23, 1940, at White Salmon, Washington. Married LAUREL HELEN CHUTE, Born August 14, 1940 at Tacoma, Washington. Married August 30, 1958, at Orting, Washington.
Children:

(47) LAUREL CANDACE BACKUS, born April 29, 1959, at Puyallup, Washington.
(48) JEFFREY WAYNE BACKUS, born July 13, 1960 at Costa Mesa, California.
(49) DENTON GENE BACKUS.
(50) DENICE COLETTE BACKUS. } Twins born December 11, 1962.

(51) MARIE ILO BACKUS, born June 2, 1900, Stanford, Montana. Married ARCHIE FORRESTER SOMMERVILLE, born January 23, 1890, Rock Springs, Wyoming Territory. Married November 25, 1920 at Walla Walla, Washington.
Children:

(52) FOREST EVERETT SOMMERVILLE, born September 1, 1920, Belt, Montana. Married LEONA CLARK, born April 22, 1923.
Children:

(53) RICHARD WAYNE SOMMERVILLE, born November 3, 1943, Plainview, Texas.
(54) LINDA CAROL SOMMERVILLE, born January 13, 1949, Plainview, Texas.

(55) LEONARD JAMES SOMMERVILLE, born January 15, 1924, Great Falls, Montana. Unmarried.

(56) GLADYS ELIZABETH SOMMERVILLE, born November 3, 1931, Great Falls, Montana. Married WARREN THIEL, Dillon, Montana. Married September 1951.
Children:

(57) LORRAINE MARIE THIEL, born October 5, 1952, at Dillon, Montana.
(58) JOHN THIEL, born April 1954, Dillon, Montana.

(59) MYRTLE LOIS SOMMERVILLE, born December 25, 1933, Great Falls, Montana. Married WOODIE CLIPP, born in West Virginia. Married March 1954.
Child:

(60) LYNN REBECCA CLIPP, born December 25, 1955, England.

(51) MARIE ILO BACKUS AND ARCHIE FORRESTER SOMMERVILLE (Continued)

(61) FRANCES EVELYN SOMMERVILLE, born March 15, 1937, Great Falls, Montana. Married ALVIN EUELL. Divorce obtained from Alvin Euell in 1958.
Children:

(62) MARVIN ALLEN EUELL, born November 4, 1955, at Whitefish, Montana.
(63) BONNIE ELAINE EUELL, born April 6, 1957, at Great Falls, Montana.

FRANCES EVELYN SOMMERVILLE EUELL married MAX BUSH, March 1959, Great Falls, Montana. [Her step-children which Max had by his first marriage, include:
(64) RANDAL EUGENE BUSH, February 6, 1951, Aurora, Nebraska;
(65) RAYMOND LESLIE BUSH, October 9, 1952, Anchorage, Alaska;
(66) MICHAEL ALAN BUSH, September 30, 1954, Great Falls, Montana.]

Child of FRANCES SOMMERVILLE and MAX BUSH:

(61a) JOLEEN MARIE BUSH, born November 1959, Great Falls, Montana.

(67) RICHARD LOUIS SOMMERVILLE, born October 21, 1939, Great Falls, Montana.

(68) LAURIE DELBERT BACKUS, born July 12, 1902, Stanford, Montana. Married SHIRLEY DEGMAN, born October 6, 1907, Springdale, Kentucky. Married November 27, 1927, at White Salmon, Washington.
Children:

(69) LUCILLE ANNA BACKUS, born October 8, 1928, at Walla Walla, Washington. Married EDWARD PAUL TRIDER, born September 2, 1931, Boston, Massachusetts. Married August 2, 1952.
Child:

(70) EDWARD JOHN TRIDER. Born September 27, 1961, Hartford, Connecticut.

(71) WALTER ELLIOTT BACKUS, born February 2, 1930, Walla Walla, Washington. Married EFFIE ADELINE LeGRANT, born January 24, 1932, Spokane, Washington. Married January 27, 1952, Spokane, Washington.

(68) LAURIE DELBERT BACKUS and SHIRLEY DEGMAN BACKUS (Continued)

(71) WALTER ELLIOTT BACKUS and EFFIE LeGRANT BACKUS.
Children:

(72) LEONARD LeGRANT BACKUS, born October 27, 1952, Spokane, Washington.
(73) WALTER JAY BACKUS, born March 13, 1954, Spokane, Washington.
(74) VERNE LeMAY BACKUS, born June 12, 1956, Spokane, Washington.
(75) LINDA ADELINE BACKUS, born October 30, 1961, Seattle, Washington.

(76) DONALD ALGER BACKUS, born March 30, 1934, White Salmon, Washington. Married JANICE MURIEL PRATT, born March 22, 1937, at Moscow, Idaho. Married June 4, 1955, at Pullman, Washington.
Children:

(77) SUSAN MARIE BACKUS, born February 3, 1957, Moscow, Idaho.
(78) DAVID ROBERT BACKUS, born March 22, 1959, Pullman, Washington; died March 22, 1959.

(79) FRANK IRA BACKUS, born September 24, 1936, at White Salmon, Washington. Married MARY LEE HAMILTON, born December 21, 1936, Married July 26, 1959, at Tacoma, Washington.
Child:

(80) ERIC JOHN BACKUS, born December 31, 1961, at Seattle, Washington.

(81) HAZEL LEONA BACKUS, born May 6, 1904, at Stanford, Montana. Died July 9, 1930, at Great Falls, Montana. Married CHARLIE MONIGER, born 1888. Married 1919 at Walla Walla, Washington.
Children:

(82) CHARLOTTE MYRNA MONIGER, born April 22, 1920, at Kalispell, Montana. Married HOWARD KOCH, born October 21, 1918, at Dutton, Montana.
Children:

(83) RICHARD ALLAN KOCH, born October 25, 1940, at Great Falls, Montana.
(84) STEPHEN HOWARD KOCH, born August 11, 1943, at Great Falls, Montana.
(85) RUSSELL LEE KOCH, born April 3, 1946, at Great Falls, Montana.
(86) EUGENE CHARLES KOCH, born September 20, 1952, at Choteau, Montana.

(81) HAZEL LEONA BACKUS and CHARLIE MONIGER (Continued)

(87) EUGENE RUSSELL MONIGER, born October 10, 1922, at Walla Walla, Washington; died June 1929. Eugene drowned at Kalispell, Montana, with another little boy.

(88) LEILA RUTH MONIGER, born April 12, 1927, at Great Falls, Montana. Married ARNE RUDOLPH ("RUDY") AUTIO, born October 8, 1926, at Butte, Montana. Married March 17, 1948 at Choteau.
Children:

(89) ARNE FERO AUTIO, born June 15, 1949, Bozeman, Montana.
(90) LISA GAY AUTIO, born July 21, 1952, Helena, Montana.
(91) LAR KELLY AUTIO, born November 30, 1957, Missoula, Montana.

(92) JOAN PHYLLIS MONIGER, born January 26, 1929, at Helena, Montana. Married WILLIAM PEARCE in 1947.
Children:

(93) SUSAN PEARCE, born August 1953.
(94) JAMES PEARCE, born March 1949.

(95) ALVAH LEROY BACKUS, born July 1, 1907, Stanford, Montana. Unmarried.

(96) ALMA VIVIAN BACKUS, born May 4, 1909, Stanford, Montana. Married (1st) WHEELER; Married (2nd) KENNETH CHRISTENSEN, June 30, 1951, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

(97) AMY LOUISE BACKUS, born October 7, 1911, Oakland, Oregon. Married EDWIN STOLLER, August 7, 1930.
Children:

(98) JERRY STOLLER.
(99) NORMAN STOLLER.

(100) LOLA MAY BACKUS, born June 15, 1915, at Denton, Montana. Married HARRY STREAM [(101) ELDON J. STREAM married IDA L. REED, his parents]. Harry was born September 11, 1916 at Bonita, Oregon. Married January 8, 1941.

NELSON LINEAGE

(102) MARTHA A. BOULDIN, born in Virginia 1855; died about 1910, Montana. Married ROBERT NELSON, born in Canada, died at age 39.
Children:

(103) SARAH ELIZABETH, born August 29, 1872, Clay Center, Kansas. Died February 1940, Walla Walla, Washington. Married JESSE ARTHUR BACKUS. *For further information please refer to page 2, No. 25.*

(104) JOHN ROBERT NELSON, born December 15, 1873; died January 7, 1933, Stanford, Montana. Married KATHERINE KERR, born December 15, 1873; died 1932.
Children:

(105) WILLIAM NELSON, born February 15, 1904.
(106) JOHN NELSON, born November 8, 1905.
(107) CHARLIE NELSON, born December 31, 1907.
(108) MARGUERITE NELSON, born November 6, 1913.
(109) ROBERT NELSON, born April 26, 1917.

(110) ANNIE LOUVINA NELSON, born February 4, 1876. Married ELMER WARD. She died in Los Angeles, about 1930.
Children:

(111) JOSEPH WARD, born 1900.
(112) ELVA WARD, now a missionary in Phillipine Islands.
(113) EVA WARD.
(114) CLIFFORD WARD, photographer in Great Bend, Kansas.

(115) JAMES HOPE, born October 31, 1879; last known at Butte.

(116) NORA NELSON, born November 30, 1884; married RAMEY. She died July 1954.
Children:

(117) ASA RAMEY (died ____).
(118) IVA MAE, born February 1, 1907; married GEORGE KOLPPA.
(119) VIOLA RAMEY (died at age 3).

JESSE AND SARAH BACKUS STORY[3]

Jesse Backus was born November 6, 1863; Sarah Elizabeth Nelson was born August 29, 1872, both in Kansas. They were married at Abiline, Kansas April 2, 1892, and came to Montana to live. They came to Utica and Dad worked for Jack Waite, who had a sheep ranch there.

Then they moved to Stanford (the old town). Dad ran a coal mine near Stanford for a while, too. Then he homesteaded about ten miles east of Stanford and Mamma took a desert, which was a claim without water. Sometime after 1900 they moved to the homestead.

They started sheep and cattle, horses and hogs, and planted wheat. He traded beef for a four-room, log cabin with a full upstairs, which was one big room. He drilled an artesian well on our place and had real good water and built a new kitchen right over it and ran a ditch to the garden.

He located very many homesteaders around Stanford and Denton at the time that land was open for homesteading. He sold his homestead in 1909 and took a trip to look for a place so the children could go to school.

Jesse went to Oregon to see his sister and bought a forty-acre place with fruit -- mostly prunes -- on it. We lived there for four years, but as he had traded his well drill for a relinquishment his cousin, Charles Darling, had homesteaded, he now had 160 acres in Montana, so finally he just dropped the Oregon place and we came back to Montana in July 1914.

They had 8 children before we went to Oregon, and Amy was born at Oakland, Oregon; Lola was born after we came back to Montana. They next went to Belt, Montana, in 1917 and in 1919 with a severe drought and little work available they decided to go to Walla Walla, Washington, where they lived until Mamma died in 1940.

They lived at 430 East Pine Street in Walla Walla, where they owned their house and Dad did garden work. They both belonged to the Christian Church there, and had many friends. Then Dad moved to Seattle to live till he passed away in August 1945. He fell from a balcony and struck his head, and died instantly according to the doctor's report.

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[3]Written by Marie Ilo Sommerville of Vaughn, Montana. Written in Summer of 1962.

MARTHA BOULDIN NELSON[4]

Martha Bouldin, my grandmother on Mamma's side, was born in Virginia in 1855 and came to Kansas. She married Robert Nelson, and they had five children: Sarah E., John Robert, Annie Lavina, James Hope and Nora.

She came to Montana and took a desert claim but she was afraid to stay alone, so Dad [Jesse Backus] moved her little shack to our place so they could take care of her.

However, soon after that there was a complaint filed against her and the sheriff came to take her to Lewistown for a sanity hearing. However, this spring (1962) I wrote for information about her and received a letter stating that she had had a hearing and was found not insane in court (November 6, 1906).

She never came back and just before we left for Oregon in 1910, a friend came by that had a wagon with a selling agency and made his rounds often. He told us that Grandma Nelson had passed away. That was early in 1910.

I spent many happy hours of my childhood with her and remember her well.

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[4] Written by Marie Ilo Sommerville, Vaughn, Montana, Summer 1962.

RUTH LOUVINA BACKUS HEESEN'S STORY[5]

Ruth Louvina Backus was born May 12, 1893, the oldest of the family at Stanford or Utica, Montana. She had dark hair and brown eyes.

Since we did not have a school, Dad put up a blackboard and taught all of us and as she got older she helped the rest of us. She was almost like a second mother to us. She worked for Aunt Martha one summer after we went to Oregon.

She came back to Montana, with Dad, about 1912 and married Charles Heesen August 29, 1912 (I believe). Then Charles sold his place and went to Ririe, Idaho and got another place where Robert was born February 29. 1919, and Roy was born at Walla Walla, Washington, July 18, 1920, when Ruth came home for a visit. She wasn't getting strong very fast, but the railroad fares were to go up, so she went home sooner than intended.

When she got home Charles was having a hard time getting his hay up, so she went out to help him. She overworked or got overheated, or both, and then with a cold rain coming on, too, she took cold -- got pneumonia -- and died September 25, 1920.

Mama went over to Ririe and after the funeral she brought back Bob and Roy, as Charles wanted to sell his farm and go to Walla Walla, to work to provide for the boys, which he did start to do.

But he took pneumonia and died in February 1922, so Mamma and Dad kept the boys and raised them.

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[5]Written by Marie Ilo Sommerville, Summer of 1962, Vaughn, Montana.

THE STORY OF MY LIFE[6]

Lester Elmer Backus -- Born July 15, 1898

I started to school at Utica, Montana, when I was about seven years of age in about 1906. I got to know the Hardenbrook boys while living there. They were great pals of Art's and mine for many years.

Dad rented the Peters' ranch and let my mother's brother, John Nelson, move on there and I lived with them for a while. The family moved back to the old Homestead Ranch where Art and I had many happy days riding horses. The Nelsons moved from the Peters' ranch, and we lived there for some time. While we were there, Hazel almost died because we did not have any milk for her. She was about 3 or 4 years of age. Dad bought a herd of wild horses while we lived there.

Then we moved back to the Homestead and started going to a one-room school about five miles from home. We drove to school in a two-wheeled cart that Dad made from an old set of rake wheels. I guess my sister, Ruth, did most of the driving, but Art did some, also. Sometimes we would get the harness all mixed up, and would have to have Dad fix it for us or maybe the hired man.

Dad purchased a well drill that was run by horse power, and kept two horses going round and round. He drilled an artesian well on the ranch, and it had oil and gas in it, but it was still very good soft water. He built a large kitchen over it, but there never was a pump put in it -- we dipped it out with a dipper or tin can. He also built a new log cabin just before he built the kitchen. This was about 40x50 feet. Dad had about a thousand acres -- he had a 160-acre desert claim and they also bought Grandmother's 160-acre homestead. This ranch was sold for $20.00 per acre, but Dad had to take it back; and he almost lost everything he had. He bought a place in Kansas, and another in Oregon, and he also had purchased a place in Montana; so he had to make payments on these.

We later moved to Oregon to go to school I was about 11 years old then and Dad went to Montana and bought a big steam engine with plows that plowed one acre every half mile and he also got a thrashing outfit.

At age 14 I came backtto Montana to help Art and Dad. Charley Heesen, Ruth's husband, helped on this outfit for some time. I went through the eighth grade while living in Oregon, and that was the last of my schooling.

I left Oakland, Oregon about March, 1914 and went to Denton and Stanford, Montana to help Dad. We lived for some time in a one-room house on skids. Art ran the engine and I hauled water and coal. It was there I earned the money and bought a large team of horses for $550.00 and used them to work out on other places in harvest and outside plowing. Up until this time Art and I were almost always together. During the World War, Art went into the Army, and I worked on ranches around the country.

Dad lost his ranch and all machinery and stock except three horses and one cow. We moved to Windham and from there to Belt. Some time while we were at Belt Art and I purchased a garage at Denton, and worked at it for one summer; we lost everything. Then I worked on a ranch at Denton, and couldn't get my wages so went home broke.

We moved to Walla Walla around 1918. I worked in Elam's Garage for the first year, then on ranches around Walla Walla at $2.50 and $3.00 for a fourteen-hour day.

Dad, Laurie, and I started logging at Underwood, Washington. I met Sara at a saw mill one very rainy night. She and her sisters walked up the mountain by our camp on their way home. We went together for about a year, and were married June 27, 1926 at Sara's home on Underwood Mountain. We lived in a one-room cabin and tent the first summer, and rented a nice place for the next year, and enjoyed our first year. Sara packed apples until December.

Marguerite was born at Hood River while we lived at Underwood, and is living in California with her husband Mel and their family of four boys.

I finished that logging job and moved to White Salmon and worked in a fruit warehouse the first year. After renting a year or two, I purchased a one-acre place and an old house. We lived there for several years. The first few years there was no toilet in the house, but a good path outside. When we left White Salmon we had complete rebuilt the house, as we had had a fire and it burned the roof.

I purchased a well drill about 1930, but drilling was very hard and didn't bring much money. Keith was born March 11, 1931, in the White Salmon, Washington home. I took over Collins Association Orchard for one year. There was nothing to do, so we started a store and did very well, considering the times. Stanley was born July 22, 1935 and he was also born in the White Salmon home.

About 1936 or 37 we sold the store at a good profit and then started another store about 1939. This was in the old Theater Building. Jack was born July 23, 1940, in the White Salmon hospital. I think it was about this time that I worked with Laurie at plumbing. My mother passed away February 28, 1940. I had also started to sell insurance.

Sara and I both made many trips to Portland to buy things for the store until December, 1942 when I went to Keyport to work at the Torpedo Station. In April, 1943 we sold the store and moved the family to Paulsbo to live on a 20-acre farm we bought. I first worked as fireman and I had been a fireman in White Salmon and then started in the shops building torpedos. This was the best thing we had ever done as we always had easier times up around Seattle. Marguerite was married in 1946. My father passed away some time in 1945 while I was still in Poulsbo.

When the war was over we sold the Poulsbo place and bought a 40-acre dairy farm at Auburn. We stayed on the Auburn dairy about one year and then sold it and acquired a fine home in Auburn which we soon traded for a dairy up on the Green River above Auburn. We traded this farm for a ten-acre cherry orchard at Kent, Washington.

I started work for Boeing and stayed there for five years. I purchased a service station in 1949 and kept it until May, 1951.

I went to work at Bremerton as a pipe fitter on the big ships. I drove from Kent to Seattle where I took the ferry for Bremerton. I worked at this for about a year -- left at 4:30 A.M. -- arrived home at 7:30 P.M.

We rented a dairy on the west hill from Kent for about one year. We traded our Kent farm for a 57-acre farm at Yelm. I again started working at Boeing and drove both ways every day, 65 miles each way. I operated the shaper and sticker at the Renton Plant and Plant 2. Keith and Stan were working there and riding in Keith's DeSota.

We traded this farm for two houses at 3764 South 173, Seattle. While there, Sara and I took a vacation in California. This was the first vacation we had ever had. At this time all the Backus sisters and brothers got together at Harry Streams', Eddy Stoller's, and our home for three days.

In March, 1956 we purchased a 135-acre dairy at Orting. We operated this until May, 1960 when the doctor said I should cut down on some of the hard work. So we had the biggest and best sale ever in the part of the country. Keith, Stan and Jack were all married while we lived on this farm. Then we leased the farm to a man to raise certified strawberry plants, and we bought the old Crocker School and made it into a home. I went into plumbing and have a nice business at this time. While living at this place, all three of our boys were married to very fine girls and all have a boy and a girl each [Lester wrote this before Jack and Laurel had Denton and Denice December 11, 1962].

We now have five houses for rental. This we hope to help take care of the expense when we retire and quite the plumbing.

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[6]This was written by Lester, the winter of 1962-1963, as he states: "I made the notes on this, and Keith's wife, Jan, typed it for me."

THE STORY OF MY LIFE

Sara Ellen Collins Backus -- Born September 26, 1903

PARENTS: George Washington Collins and Harriet Emma Marshall

THEIR CHILDREN: John Marshall Collins, deceased.
James Ellis Collins
Arthur Johnston Collins
Mary Florence Collins Lillegard
Sara Ellen Lucille Backus
Lorna June Collins Ranslam
Edith Emma Collins Dallas
George Washington Collins, M.D.
William Robert Collins (Rev.)
Esther Elizabeth Collins Allaway

I was born on a farm, called "Windy Corners", about twenty miles from New Castle, Pennsylvania and not more than 7 miles from Volent, Pennsylvania, where my paternal grandparents lived.

When I was 6, my mother, my Aunt Anna Collins, and my three brothers and three sisters came west to Underwood, Washington where we were met at 9:30 P.M. one cold October night, by my father, who had arrived in Washington a year before. We stayed with a school teacher that night, and the next day we walked up the mountain to the homestead, where we were to live for the next 20 years.

When we arrived at our new home the house was framed in on three sides only, and we slept four girls to one bed (a mattress on the floor) until the house was all framed and the folks received our furniture from the East.

Dad was a carpenter but this house was never finished. He walled off a big kitchen, a large living room, and two bedrooms on the first floor, and made a couple of bedrooms upstairs, and the walls were only boarded on one side. There was a full basement under the house.

My brothers George and Bill, and a sister, Esther, were born here.

We attended school at Underwood Flats a few years. A new school at Underwood Heights was built, and we attended this one. The winters were so bad that we went to school on horseback. Dad harnessed the plow team, and pulled a log two and one-half feet in diameter, four feet long, behind each horse. We rode the horses, two to a horse, one behind the other, down the trail through the woods. The log opened the trail so we could walk home at night. When the limbs of the trees were laden with snow, as they often were, we got swiped in the faces, with the snow and limbs as the horses went under. Our feet frosted, and we had chilled aching feet all day, and on into the summer. When in the sixth grade I went to school in Stevenson, and finally finished eighth grade at Underwood Heights. I then attended two years of high school at Washougal,

working for my board and room. I stayed with a family by the name of Bill Woods. He was a prune grower, and I walked a mile each way to school.

At the beginning of my third year of high school my sister Florence began teaching in White Salmon, and my sisters Florence, June, Edith and myself batched and went to school. We walked to White Salmon on Sunday P.M. and stayed until Friday night. We walked both ways, via the Irie Inn, to our home at Underwood.

Our mother baked our bread, which we carried to town with us every week. We did our own washing after school, on a wash board, and took turns cooking and cleaning. I graduated from high school May 22, 1922.

I attended summer school at Ellensburg, that summer, and went again that winter for the winter, spring, and summer quarters.

That fall I packed apples for a California packer, at a neighbors, and got a job in Oroville, California for the same outfit. So June, my Mom and Dad and Bill, went to Oroville, California to pack oranges.

Edith had a place to earn her board and room in White Salmon and attend school. George was left with a family in Stevenson and Florence kept Esther with her, where she was teaching in Husum.

We drove a 1919 Oldsmobile to California, accompanied by the Raush family (Mr., Mrs. and two small boys), in their 1917 hupmobile. On the second day I was riding with the Raushes when our cars lost each other, and I had to spend the night with the Raushes. Next morning we parked the car by the camp entrance and my folks soon spotted it when they came by.

I will never forget the day we reached the California State line. It was a beautiful November day, sun shining, and warm. The weather lived up to everything we had ever heard of about California.

June and I packed oranges, Dad and Mother worked at sorting on the grader. Bill, about 7 at the time, went to school.

We spent Christmas that year at my brother Art's in Vallejo. We had never met his wife until then, and hadn't seen him either for some time.

On the way home from Art's, my Dad had a near tragic accident. He got the wheels off the pavement, when passing another car, then turned them too much to the right to get back on. The car shot to the right, into the ditch and tipped up against the bank. I was half out the door, and would have been crushed, had there not been a bank there.

After the oranges June and I, Dad and Mother worked in the olives. I soon quit and rented a sewing machine and made my school wardrobe.

At the beginning of the winter term June and I went to San Jose, and enrolled in the San Jose State Teacher's College. We earned our board and room in private homes, each in a different part of town. I worked

for the Dr. Birchfield family. I earned $7.50 a month extra which, with my sa ings, I was able to pay my expenses and carfare (I rode the trolley to and from school).

About Easter vacation I was operated on for goiter, and was in the hospital for ten days at $4.00 a day. My mother paid the hospital bill and the doctor I lived with and his pardner, operated on me free.

After the school term ended, June and I went to Vallejo to visit Art for a few days and look for work. They now had a baby daughter, Agnus. We bought an old 1917 Chevrolet and drove to Petaluma where we obtained work in a packing plant, packing Gravenstine apples. We rented a tend and a kind lady we met at the plant asked us to set the tent up out at their home. (She wanted to be sure we were looked after.) We cooked on a sheet of metal set on some rocks, and burned wood, the kind that people had given us.

We earned about $125 apiece during the season. Then after a short visit at our brothers, where we washed our clothes, etc., we started north in the Chev. This old car had four bare tires and no spare. The first day we had a flat, and a friendly truck driver advised us to stop at the first Western Auto store and get a new tire. I guess we did, but I can't remember for sure.

This car was built with the brake on the clutch petal. Push it in half way, it was the clutch. Push it all the way to the floor, and it was suppossed to stop the car -- since the brake lining had long since been worn out, there was only the brake metal left. We used the brake only in the direst necessity and then with all the power in our foot, and a prayer.

The roads over the mountains were little better than back country roads of today, and we were looking for a camping place, so we drove over the worst part of the mountains without seeing what was below. [The lights on this car weren't much better than the brakes, maybe not as good.]

We slept under a tree, in the park and paid the owner 50¢ for the privilege. We cooked our breakfast over a campfire and were on our way. We made the trip in two days and missed the last ferry across the Columbia River the night we arrived at Hood River -- we slept in the car until morning. Then we had our hair cut (we both had bobbed hair), and headed for the ferry and on home.

The old Chev had no fuel pump, so when we got to the steepest hill on that mountain road, we had to turn the car around and back it all the way to the top, unless we had the tank full of gas.

My sister Florence was quitting to get married, so I applied and was offered her job of teaching at Husum.

At Husum I shared a cottage with another teacher. The other teacher was nice enough until cold weather, when she moved into the living room -- even her bed -- and left me the kitchen stove to cook on and heat the rest of the house. She even borrowed my one burner electric plate, and wore that out, cooking on it. I nearly froze that winter, and in March came down with the flu and had to miss two weeks of school.

In November of that year I purchased a new 1924 Chevrolet. This car had a cone clutch and when the car got in a bind, the clutch would not hold. Outside of that it was a pretty good car. It was the only absolutely new car I have ever owned.

My brother George stayed with me that winter and went to school. He was in the sixth grade, at the time, I believe.

After school was out I went to summer school at Ellensburg. I graduated from school that year with a five-year certificate. That fall I taught school at Chenowith. It was a rural school and I could have had eight grades, but it turned out I had only six.

My mother, Bill, George and Esther lived with me that year, in a cabin, formerly used by loggers. It wasn't much, but we got along O.K. We had to carry our water from a spring some distance away. It was hard on Mother on wash day, but we usually got the boys to carry extra water, before school. We kept a cow there too. Bill milked her night and morning.

June, Edith, and Dad were in California again that year.

To go back a little, I had met Lester one very wet night at my brother's home at Hicks Mill. The road was so bad we had gone by my brothers' so we could get up the hill by an easier way. When we got there we found that the road from the mill was washed out so we had to walk. The road led past Lester's cabin in the woods, so my sisters and I walked with Laurie and Lester, as far as their shack. They loaned us a lantern to go on from there. I was wearing new grey suade shoes, and every step the water oozed in and out.

Lester was living at my dad's farm, the winter I lived at Chenowith. He had his team up there to feed it through the winter. He kept our saddle pony there so he came to visit us that winter. He had boughten a goose, which he brought to my mother to cook for Christmas dinner. He had purchased it alive and kept it in the barn. It got out one morning and it flew a mile down the mountain. As it soared off into the wide blue yonder, he said goodby to a goose dinner, but out dog which he had with him took after it, so he did also. The dog found it in the brush, and kept it from flying again, so we had goose after all.

In February I came down with mastoid, and yellow jaundice. I was taken to Hood River Hospital and operated upon, and was in the hospital three weeks. I wore a bandage on my head for more than a month after I was back home.

Florence came up from Stevenson, and taught my school for two months so I could recuperate, and Mamma looked after Edward, her little son.

Lester and I were married on June 27, 1926. We lived at the logging camp until fall, when we moved to a nice house at Underwood Heights, after I had finished packing apples in December. My family had Christmas dinner with us that year.

On April 5th, Marguerite Ellen Backus arrived, in Hood River Hospital.

That fall we moved to White Salmon, and when Marguerite was four years old, Keith Allen joined us. In 1935 Stanley Lester arrived; Jack Wayne followed in 1940.

I joined the Rebekas in 1935, and Lester was a fireman, Eagle, and an Odd Fellow before this. About this time I began working for the Degree of Honor, as Deputy and Secretary.

In April of 1943 we moved to Poulsbo, Washington and purchased a 20-acre farm. I ran herd on the kids, cows and chickens, while Lester worked "grave yard shift" at Keyport Torpedo Station. During this time Marguerite worked at Keyport and Baurs Bakery and slept days or nights, depending on the shift.

Lorraine Bussing, of Bingen, Washington, ran away from home and came to live with us in 1945. The two girls and two neighbor girls attended dances at Poulsbo some times, as a group, and all walked home together. I never got any sleep those nights, until the girls all arrived home.

One of the most interesting things to happen to us was the getting of a little puppy, named by Marguerite "Honey Lamb." He was half Rat Terrior and half everything in the book. He cost three silver dollars, and we could hold him in the palm of our hands with room to spare. We raised him and he became the constant companion of our boys and Marguerite's pride and joy. He protected the boys, especially Jack, from every kind of danger that can face kids on a farm, where there is cattle, pigs, and chickens. He saved me many a step too, when visiting cattle came a calling.

Once we had two sows and twenty-one piglets. They kept getting out and rooting in the front yard. Couldn't get "Honey Lamb" to chase them, but he would lay in a row with them for a nap. One day he caught them digging up his bones, and he could chase them then, but HOW!

We had a leghorn rooster that would flap his wings in Jack's face and try to claw him, with his spurs. One day he jumped "Honey Lamb" and from then on, Jack was safe. Honey Lamb kept that rooster in the chicken house, on the roost 90% of the time. If he did catch him out, he held him down and pulled his tail feathers out, one by one. I rescued the poor rooster several times.

At 9 years of age, Honey Lamb met his death by a shot from a neighbor's gun.

Marguerite was married to Mel Pryne in our home in Poulsbo in 1946. Keith got his first calf to raise, and named her Julia. We moved her to Auburn with us when we moved to a farm there, after the war.

We joined the Grange at Poulsbo and I was elected Lecturer the next year.

Lester's father stayed with us part of the time, after we moved to Poulsbo. He loved to chop wood. He took Jack with him, to the woods and with his help to see, they chopped limbs, and small trees, and brought it to the wood shed in the wheelbarrow. One day I heard Grandad shouting to Jack, to come back, and looked out to see Jack disappearing around the corner with the axe! Jack had had all the wood chopping he wanted for that day.

We had the only phone in the neighborhood during our stay at Poulsbo so Jack, being a preschool child, was kept busy taking messages, to the neighbors, but he enjoyed it as they always gave him treats.

After the Second World War we moved to a 40-acre dairy, six miles out of Enumclaw, on the Enumclaw-Auburn road. We did our shopping at Auburn as it was the same distance. At this place we had one of the coldest winters we had ever put in. The living room was large with only a dining room that didn't heat very good and the range in the kitchen was electric with a coal-wood trash burner on it. Only on sunny days could we heat that house, and we didn't have many of them.

We became well acquainted at Auburn, through the M.E. Church, and made many friends. After one year, we moved to a one acre place and a nine room house, on the city line at Auburn. About 8 months later we traded for a 120 acre dairy, and 20 cows, 11 miles out on the Green River. We traded again the next year for Kent property. This place boasted a real nice house, so we were comfortable there for five years. During this time I started substituting in the Kent schools, and after I got acquainted I worked fairly steady.

We traded this property for 60 acres in Yelm, and stayed less than a year, when we traded again for Seattle property. I worked again in the schools at Milline until we purchased a farm at Orting, and began dairying. We still have our Seattle property, which we rent out.

I started going to Rebekah's again and in 1960, went through the chairs for the second time. We are active in the Church, Grange and lodge work and have so much to do there isn't time to do it all.

The biggest thing in our lives at present is the arrival of TWINS, to Laurel and Jack on December 11, 1962. They were named Denton Gene and Denise Colette. Our three sons live in Seattle and visit us nearly every week so we are never lonesome. Lester has more work than he can do and I could have, too. All in all we have had a pretty good life.

MARIE SOMMERVILLE STORY[7]

I was born at Stanford, Montana, June 2, 1900. Soon after my birth the family moved to my father's homestead about ten miles east of Stanford, where we lived until April 1910. We then went to Oakland, Oregon.

I had been going to a country school which was ungraded. I could read 5th or 6th grade readers, and the same with geography, language, and spelling, but I was probably about 3rd or 4th grade, in arithmetic. When we started to school in Oregon I was put in the 4th grade, which I thought was quite terrible, but I still had a hard time doing arithmetic.

I had whooping cough when I was in the sixth grade and missed about half of the school year, but they allowed me to go on in the seventh if I'd make good for a month, so that sort of evened things up. For the first time I really understood arithmetic as I had a real good teacher and I tried hard.

Dad traded his well drill for a relinquishment of his cousin's homestead. So finally we came back to Montana in July 1914, when the Oregon place didn't do very well.

I first worked out for a neighbor for about two weeks, $3.00 a week, but when I didn't get paid my dad took a young pig for my pay. Then I worked for $5 a week when I was 16, and that fall I started to high school.

I went to Belt, Montana, with a lady and worked for my board while I went to school. I worked one place where I kept getting up earlier until I was getting up at 5 and building two wood and coal fires and getting ashes out and cleaning the house and getting breakfast before school. There were 7 children so there was lots of washing and cleaning. No washer--I did most of it on the board.

In May 1917 my folks moved to Belt and I wanted to go home, but they said no -- that I had agreed to work till school was out so I should stay -- and I did. I was working for a family just across the street from Archie's folks when he came home from World War I. We met and fell in love, but times were so bad with a real bad drought and no work he thought we should wait till he could get work before getting married.

I went to Walla Walla with my folks and I worked on two different farms there. My sister Ruth came home to have her baby, so we kept waiting. He wanted me to come to Montana and meet him and we'd get married, but my folks wouldn't listen to that.

My sister went home but she got sick and passed away. My mother went to Idaho for the funeral, and to look after her two babies, so Archie and I waited again.

Finally I was allowed to have Archie come after 14 months after she had come back and brought the two little boys -- Bob and Roy. We were married on Thanksgiving, November 25, 1920 by Rev. Liverette of the Christian Church to which I belonged.

We came back to Belt, where we lived for about a year and a half, and Forest was born September 1, 1921. After we went to Great Falls, we had Leonard in 1924 and Gladys in 1931, and Myrtle on Christmas Day in 1933.

The next spring we moved to the country south of Great Falls about four miles. Later we traded that place for one at Fort Shaw and moved there September 1935, where the children went to school and after five years we moved to the Greenfield Beach near Vaughn, in December 1940, where we've been ever since.

The younger ones went to the Crone School and they all went on to the Simms High School.

Well, they are all gone now and we are alone again.

Our home burned down in 1949, but we finally got a barracks house from the Air Base and have been building it up ever since. This summer we got a new well drilled and have been busy getting it all put into the house.

Forest lives in Texas with his family. Leonard and Gladys both live in Dillon, Montana, and Myrtle at Fairfield, California. Dick is in the Army and at present (1962) stationed at Ulm, Germany. Frances lives in Great Falls.

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[7]Written by Marie Ilo Sommerville, Vaughn, Montana, Summer 1962.

LAURIE DELBERT BACKUS[8]

Laurie Delbert Backus was born at Stanford, Montana, July 12, 1902. The family lived on a homestead there until 1910 when they moved to Oakland, Oregon, where they lived until 1914. He attended school at Stanford, Oakland, Oregon, and at Denton, Montana. One of his first jobs was shocking hay for a neighbor, for which he received 50¢ an acre.

The Backuses moved to Walla Walla in 1919. Laurie worked at various jobs and helped his father with his spraying and tree tending work. He worked for Tum-a-Lum Lumber Company, Coyle Fuel Yard and later for Duff's creamery. In the summer he worked in the wheat for several years for Billie Mann and later for his son Lester Mann.

In 1924 Laurie and his brothers and their father went to Underwood, Washington to log off some land that had been left to their nephews Roy and Robert Heesen, by their father. While at Underwood, Laurie met Shirley Degman of White Salmon, and they were married on November 27, 1927.

The Laurie Backuses moved to Walla Walla and purchased a home at 731 North Eighth Street. While living here Lucille Anna Backus and Walter Elliott Backus were born. In 1931, during the great depression period, they lost this home and moved to the White Salmon area. In White Salmon their other two children, Donald Alger and Frank Ira, were born.

Laurie worked for the Broughton Lumber Company at White Salmon for several years. In 1935 he opened the Backus Plumbing Shop at White Salmon. He closed this in 1941 to work as a plumber on various government installations at Boise, Idaho; Hermiston, Oregon; and at McCord Field, near Ft. Lewis. During World War II he worked at the Bremerton Navy Yard as a civilian employee. In the summer of 1951 he worked at Ladd AirForce Base, Fairbanks, Alaska.

In 1945 the family moved to a farm near Prosser, Washington. Laurie now resides in Prosser and works for General Electric Company (Hanford Project) near Richland, Washington. He belongs to the Methodist Church, Odd Fellow Lodge, and the Buena Vista Grange. He has brown hair and hazel eyes.

He joined the Odd Fellows (Trinity Lodge No. 121) in Walla Walla, when he was 21. He was a member at White Salmon (Goodwill Lodge No. 188) in 1935 or 36. He transferred to Prosser in 1945. He served as Noble Grand in Prosser in 1945 and 1946.

Laurie and Shirley both like to travel and camp, and intend to visit as many of the National Parks as possible as well as other points of interest.

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[8]Written by Laurie Backus, Summer of 1962, from Prosser, Washington.

SHIRLEY DEGMAN BACKUS[9]

Shirley Degman was born at Springdale, Kentucky, October 6, 1907. On her sixth birthday she was allowed to visit school with her older brother and sister. Since she behaved well, they let her remain and put her in the First Primer class. Six weeks later, November 1913, her family moved to White Salmon, Washington, and she enrolled in the first grade there and completed the year with that class. She graduated from the Columbia Union High School at White Salmon in May, 1925. Shirley was class valedictorian.

The following year she took post-graduate work at the high school and worked half days at the C.H. Estes Realty Office. Later she attended Benke-Walker Business College in Portland, Oregon and then worked at Montgomery Ward and Co. in Portland in the Notions Mail-Order Department in May 1927.

She quite her position to become married to Laurie Delbert Backus, November 27, 1927. She set up their housekeeping in Walla Walla. Their family moved back to the White Salmon area in 1931 -- Chenowith in 1932 -- and, back to White Salmon in 1935.

Shirley joined the Rebekahs in March, 1937 and served as Noble Grand in 1941. The family lived in Olympia December 19, 1941 until December 22, 1942; and then in Bremerton until moving to Prosser in April 1945. She served as Noble Grand in Prosser in 1960 and again in 1962. She received the Meritorious Jewel from the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1961.

Shirley and Laurie have four children. Lucille Anna was born October 8, 1928 at Walla Walla, Washington, and on August 2, 1952 married Edward Paul Trider. Walter Elliott was born February 2, 1930, at Walla Walla, Washington also, and married Effie Adeline LeGrant January 27, 1952. Donald Alger arrived March 30, 1934 at White Salmon, Washington, and married Janice Muriel Pratt June 4, 1955. Frank Ira arrived September 24, 1936, and also at White Salmon, and married Mary Lee Hamilton July 26, 1959. Shirley has seven grandchildren at the present time [1963].

She joined the Methodist Church at White Salmon when nine years of age. She served as President of the Epworth League while in high school, as assistant Cradle Roll Superintendent also while in high school, as President of W.S.C.S. in 1941 at White Salmon and in 1946 at Prosser. She held various other lesser-sounding offices which also included much work.

Shirley joined the Grange in July 1945 and served many years as Lecturer, two years as Master, and held several other offices including

Pomona Lecturer one year and Pomona Home Economics Chairman one year. Shirley has been acting Master Officer since 1950 (not every year though).

In Olympia Shirley served as an Air Raid Warden for a few months, and as a Block Leader in Bremerton. She was a 4-H leader several years.

Shirley has brown hair and hazel eyes.

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[9]Written by Shirley Backus, Prosser, Washington, during the Summer of 1962.

HAZEL BACKUS MONIGER[10]

Hazel Leona Moniger was born May 4, 1904, at Stanford on the old homestead. She had light hair and blue eyes.

She went to school at Oakland, Oregon, then attended near Stanford after the family moved back to Montana, then in Belt.

She met Charles Moniger in Belt, and they were married and had four children: Charlotte, Eugene who was drowned in 1929 at Kalispel, Montana, Leila who lives at Missoula, and Phyllis who lives at Great Falls.

She raised her children to go to Sunday School and church and left them with that heritage.

She passed away in July 1930, after an appendicitis operation, and was buried at Great Falls.

She belonged to the Baptist Church and had many friends.

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[10]Written by Marie Ilo Sommerville, Vaughn, Montana, Summer 1962.

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P O E M

LOLA MAY BACKUS (Age 16)*

Among this world of mothers,
To us you're better 'n others;
Not 'mong most or many,
To us you're better 'n any
'Tis you our mother dear.

From childhood, just as now
To pray you showed us how.
You built a cozy nest
For me and all the rest
And you, our mother dear.

You taught us not to shirk,
And better ways to work;
You're closest one of kin
You've helped us all to win,
Just you; our mother dear.

We have just one best friend,
We'll need her 'till the end,
She is a friend indeed,
A friend we'll always need,
A friend, our mother dear.

And so
In spring time every year,
When summertime is near,
The second sabbath day in May
We set aside for Mother's Day,
For you our mother dear.

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*Written for "Mother" by Lola May Backus before or at age 16; submitted by one of her isters to use in this compilation of family history.

4th great grand parents

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B. _____ D. _____

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112. ☐☐☐☐ Kelly, Isaac (prob.)
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113. ☐☐☐☐ Martin, Peggy
B. _____ D. _____

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127. ☐☐☐☐ _____
B. _____ D. _____

1. Susan Marie Backus
B. 3 Feb 1957
W. Moscow, Latah, Idaho
M.
D.
W.

2. Backus, Donald Alger
B. 30 March 1930
W. White Salmon, Wash
M. 4 June 1955
D.
W.

3. Pratt, Janice Muriel
B. 22 Mar 1937
W. Moscow, Idaho
D.
W.

4. Backus, Laurie Delbert
B. 12 July 1902
W. Stanford, Mont.
M. 27 Nov 1927
D.
W.

5. Degman, Shirley
B. 6 Oct 1907
W. Springdale, Ky.
D.
W.

6. Pratt, George Willard
B. 22 Jan 1910
W. Caneville, Calif.
M. 23 Mar 1935
D.
W.

7. Kelly, Marjorie Marion
B. 20 July 1915
W. Colton, Wash.
D.
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8. Backus, Jesse Arthur
B. 6 Nov 1863
W. Lawrence, Kansas
M. 2 April 1892
D. 16 Aug 1945
W. Seattle, Wash.

9. Nelson, Sarah Elizabeth
B. 29 Aug 1872
W. Oakhill, Kansas
D. 25 Feb. 1940
W. Walla Walla, Wash.

10. Degman, Julius Sanford
B. 15 Sept 1880
W. Springdale, Ky.
M. 11 Nov 1902
D. 25 June 1959
W. Wenatchee, Wash.

11. Elliott, Alda Glenn
B. 7 Jan 1885
W. Springdale, Ky
D. 7 Aug 1951
W. White Salmon, Wash.

12. Pratt, Wesley Amos (Rev)
B. 3 Dec 1863
W. Bennington, Vt.
M. 26 Sept 1892
D. 14 June 1939
W.

13. Hatchkiss, Cynthia Sophia
B. 29 Feb 1868
W.
D. 16 Feb 1935
W.

14. Kelly, (Dr.) Isaac Newton
B. 1879
W. New Castle, Ky.
M. 24 Sept 1913
D. 8 Nov 1915
W. Garfield, Wash.

15. Easta, Jennie Olive
B. 8 Oct 1883
W.
D. 20 Nov 1941
W.

16. Backus, Abram
B.
W. near Syracuse, N.Y.
M.
D. Age 88
W. Kansas

17. Vanciise, Mary Vane
B.
W. near Syracuse, N.Y.
D. Age 36
W. Kansas

18. Nelson, Robert
B.
W. Canada
M. 2 Apr 1892
D. Age 39
W. Kansas

19. Bouldin, Martha A.
B. 1855
W. W. Va.
D. 28 June 1908
W. Mont

20. Degman, Charles Clay
B. 5 Sept 1845
W. Springdale, Ky.
M. 4 Feb 1868
D. 16 Apr 1913
W.

21. Doyle, Anna M.
B. 25 Sept 1848
W. Fleming Co., Ky
D. 12 July 1916
W.

22. Elliott, John Henry Calvin
B. 8 Aug 1851
W. Springdale, Ky
M. 20 mar 1884
D. 19 mar 1923
W. Springdale, Ky

23. Bean, Fannie Angeline
B. 9 Dec 1862
W. Plumline, Ky.
D. 28 Oct 1948
W. Springdale, Ky

24. Pratt, Amos Vincent
B. 17 Dec 1824
W. Bournal, Vt.
M. 26 June 1853
D. 23 Dec 1905
W.

25. Brownell, Sarah Jane
B. 10 Sept 1839
W. Albion, NY
D. 18 Jan 1888
W.

26. Hatchkiss, Marcus Willard
B. 14 June 1833
W.
M. 1 Oct 1856
D. 30 Apr 1902
W.

27. Stewart, Mary Eliza
B. 23 Feb 1835
W.
D. 25 Jan 1892
W. Anderson, Ind.

28. Kelly, Isaac Wesley
B. 1837
W. Henry Co., Ky.
M. 12 Sept 1871
D. Jan 1915
W. New Castle, Ky.

29. Webb, Thermius H.
B. 22 Feb 1852
W. New Castle, Ky.
D. 17 Sept 1919
W. New Castle, Ky.

30. Easta, Samuel
B. 1 Mar 1848
W. Eng (near London)
M.
D. 25 May 1947
W. Moscow, Idaho

31. Strayline, Mary Jane
B. 12 Apr 1846
W. Cuylerville, N.Y.
D. 30 Apr 1924
W. Garfield, Wash.

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B.
W.
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33. Catherine (Holland)
B.
W.
D. Age 96

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36. Nelson, George
B.
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38. Bouldin, William H
B.
W. Ala
M.
D. Age 92

39. Shelton, Sarah Elizabeth
B.
W. Ala
D.

40. Degman, Julius Caesar
B. 11 Nov 1811
W. Springdale, Ky.
M. 25 Sept 1844
D. 22 Sept 1860

41. Townsend, Clarissa
B. 28 Feb. 1821
W.
D. 12 Sept 1890

42. Doyle, (Rev) Sanford Sanders
B. 1823
W. Fleming Co., Ky
M.
D.

43. Freeman, Elizabeth
B.
W.
D.

44. Elliott, Irvin
B.
W. 7 Oct 1850
M.
D.

45. Jenkins, Lavina
B.
W.
D.

46. Bean, John Albert
B.
W.
M.
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47. Bullock, Julia
B.
W.
D.

48. Pratt, Amos
B. 26 Nov 1794
W. Bournal, Vt.
M. 18 Jan 1816
D. 24 Aug 1854

49. Williams, Electra
B. 7 Sept 1795
W. Williamstown, Mass.
D. 3 Mar 1875

50. Brownell, Thomas
B.
W.
M.
D. 1850

51. Weeks, Phoebe A.
B.
W.
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52. Hatchkiss, Sidney
B. 30 May 1800
W.
M. 12 Apr 1820
D. 27 Jan 1844

53. Bishop, Melinda
B. 24 Sept 1798
W.
D. 29 Aug 1856

54. Rev. Henry Stewart
B.
W.
M.
D.

55. Temple, Sophia
B.
W.
D.

56. Kelly, Griffin Clinton
B. 25 Jan 1810
W. Clark Co.
M. 3 Aug 1835
D. 1 Nov 1887

57. Smith, Rebecca Jane
B. 1815
W. Oldham Co.
D. 1873

58. Webb (Judge) I. N.
B. 25 May 1817
W. Henry Co., Ky.
M.
D. 3 Dec 1882

59. Gist, Livia
B. 23 June 1831
W. Ala.
D. 6 Apr 1899

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76. Bouldin,
B. M. D.

77. Eggleton, Nancy
B. D. Age 92

78. Shelton,
B. M. D.

79. George, Sarah Elizabeth
B. D.

80. Degman, Peter II
B. 1 May 1776 M. 1 Mar 1793 D. 29 Apr 1853

81. Killen, Ruth
B. 27 July 1776 D. 10 May 1836

82. Townsend, Charles
B. M. 1844 D.

83. Bouton, Susan
B. D.

84. Doyle, Joseph
B. M. D.

85. Thomas, Elizabeth
B. D.

86. Freeman, David
B. M. D.

87. McCann, Susannah
B. D.

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96. Pratt, Silas (Jr)
B. 1757/8 M. D. 12 Apr 1830

97. Williams, Olive
B. 1760 D. 25 July 1813

98. Williams, Stephen
B. M. D.

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B. D.

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B. M. D.

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B. M. D.

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B. D.

104. Hatchkiss, Ladwick
B. 6 Dec 1773 M. 28 Dec 1797 D. 8 May 1858

105. Willard, Anna Martha
B. 5 Jan 1777 D. 22 Apr 1856

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B. M. D.

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B. M. D.

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B. D.

112. Kelly, Isaac (prob.)
B. M. 24 Dec 1820 D.

113. Martin, Peggy
B. D.

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160. Degman, Peter I
161. Ponder, Lavinia
162. Killen, (maj) Henry
163. Sipple, Susan
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172. Freeman, John
173. Pearson, Rebecca
174. McCann, Joseph
175. Applegate, Elizabeth
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192. Pratt, Silas (Sr)
193. Dezair
194. Williams, Nehemiah
195. Gallup, Elizabeth "Elsie"
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208. Hatchkiss, Ladwick
209. Lee, Martha
210. Willard, David
211. Sherlock, Martha
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6th great grand parents

320. Ponder, John | Ponder, John md. 17[illegible] | shepherd, mary
321. Jemima
322. Killen, (Capt. Robert)
323. Nancy
324. Sipple, Waitman I.
325. Lydia
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350. Applegate, Richard
351. Wiggin, Polly
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384. Pratt, Ebenezer | Pratt, Samuel | Pra[illegible] | Hagers, Hannah | Eato[illegible] | Eli[illegible]
385. Martha
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388. Williams, Robt. | Williams, Robt.
389. Martha | Hannah
390. Gallup, Samuel - 2 more gen
391. Blount, Mehitable - 2 more gen
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416. Hatchkiss, Capt. Ladwick - 7 more
417. Nor[illegible], Mary | Nathaniel Henry + [illegible]
418. Lee, Stephen - 2 more gen
419. Forbs, Catherine
420. Willard, Jonnathan - 7 more g[illegible]
421. Abigail
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